

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 has been amended by inserting the term --then--, after the first step to make explicit what was at least implicit, that the two steps are carried out in the recited order, and as supported in the specification at page 1, line 8.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-25 are now pending in the application.

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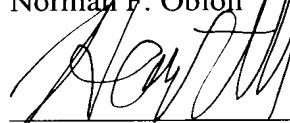
REMARKS

All the rejections are respectfully traversed for reasons stated in a to-be-filed Appeal Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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